

In the Claims:

Please add new Claims 9-12 as indicated below. The status of all claims is as follows:

1. (Original) A head slider comprising:

a slider body defining a medium-opposed surface hemisected into first and second areas by a centerline extending in a longitudinal direction of the slider body, wherein said second area is designed to generate a positive pressure larger than a positive pressure generated at the first area when a load acting on the slider body in a direction toward a recording medium decreases.

2. (Original) A recording medium drive comprising:

a recording medium;

a head slider opposed to the recording medium at a front end of a head suspension;

a load bar extending in a forward direction from the front end of the head suspension; and

a ramp member located outside the recording medium so as to define a slope along a path of movement of the load bar, wherein

said head slider includes a slider body defining a medium-opposed surface hemisected into first and second areas by a centerline extending in a longitudinal direction of the slider body, said second area being designed to generate a positive pressure larger than a

positive pressure generated at the first area when a load acting on the slider body in a direction toward the recording medium decreases.

3-8. (Canceled)

9. (New) The head slider according to claim 1, wherein a center of a distribution of the positive pressure moves on the slider body along an imaginary diagonal line from a center of a rectangular surface of the slider body according to a decrease of the load.

10. (New) The head slider according to claim 9, wherein a center of a distribution of a negative pressure moves on the slider body in a direction different from a direction of a movement of the positive pressure according to the decrease of the load, the negative pressure acting on the head slider in an opposite direction of the positive pressure.

11. (New) The recording medium drive according to claim 2, wherein a center of a distribution of the positive pressure moves on the slider body along an imaginary diagonal line from a center of a rectangular surface of the slider body according to a decrease of the load.

12. (New) The recording medium drive according to claim 11, wherein a center of a distribution of a negative pressure moves on the slider body in a direction different from a direction of a movement of the positive pressure according to the decrease of the load, the negative pressure acting on the head slider in an opposite direction of the positive pressure.